



## **Juvenile Diversion Program and Mental Health Courts**

**\*\*Easy Access Net/Tele Conference\*\***

**October 11, 2005**



Join the GAINS TAPA Center's free Easy Access Net/Tele Conference on **Tuesday, October 11, 2005 from 2:00-3:30 PM (Eastern Time)** for an overview of diversion programs serving juveniles with serious emotional disturbance. Participants will listen to the live presentation via telephone (toll-free) while viewing a PowerPoint presentation via the internet.

More than two million youth under the age of 18 are arrested each year, and more than 130,000 of these youth will be placed in juvenile detention and correctional facilities on any given day. At the same time, there is increasing evidence that suggests that 65% to 70% of youth in the juvenile justice system have a diagnosable mental health disorder. Many are inappropriately detained or placed in the juvenile justice system for relatively minor, non-violent offenses but end up in the system simply because of a lack of community-based treatment options available to them.

In this Net/Teleconference, **Dr. Joseph J. Cocozza**, Director of the National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice (NCMHJJ) at Policy Research Associates, **Dr. Eric Trupin**, Professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington School of Medicine, and **Honorable Linda Tucci Teodosio**, Summit County Juvenile Court Judge, will present an overview of mental health issues and needs among justice-involved youth and the importance of diverting these youth whenever possible from further involvement in the juvenile justice system.

In addition, the presentation will discuss the results of the NCMHJJ's recent national survey of existing diversion models focused on this population, including information on promising programs identified through the survey. This study, funded by SAMHSA, was conducted in response to the lack of information on such programs available prior to this survey. Finally, using information gathered through the Center's recent national survey of existing courts, the presentation will discuss the characteristics of juvenile mental health courts, some of the benefits of these courts, and the issues associated with their use. The use of mental health courts to address the needs of youth in the juvenile justice system is an emerging trend that offers an additional diversion alternative to the juvenile justice system.

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2:00-3:30 (EDT) Tuesday, October 11, 2005

**To register in advance of the event**

To guarantee your place for this event, please register in advance using our online registration form. To do this:

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1. Call this USA toll-free number: 888-262-0101

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